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SUBJECT: SOVIET DIPLOMAT'S PROPOSAL ON BERLIN

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THE SOVIET POLITICAL COUNSELOR IN BONN HAS "INFORMALLY AND PERSONALLY" PROPOSED A SOLUTION TO THE IMPASSE OVER THE PLANNED WEST GERMAN ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN BERLIN. THE EMBASSY IN BONN FEELS THAT HIS COMMENTS MAY FORESHADOW A SIMILAR APPROACH BY GROMYKO DURING THE PRIVATE TALKS AT THE UN THIS WEEK.

IN ESSENCE, MOSCOW WOULD ACCEPT THE SETTING UP OF THE PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY IN RETURN FOR AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WEST GERMANS WOULD NOT FURTHER INCREASE THEIR PRESENCE IN BERLIN. UNDER THE PROPOSED SCENARIO, BONN WOULD UNILATERALLY ESTABLISH THE OFFICE, MOSCOW AND PANKOV WOULD PUBLICLY PROTEST AND WOULD THREATEN THE TRANSIT OF AGENCY EMPLOYEES, AND THE ALLIES COULD PROTEST THE THREATS. THE EASTERN SIDE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER,

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TAKE ANY ACTION TO HINDER THE TRANSIT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY EMPLOYEES, BEING CONTENT WITH THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE TO SAVE FACE.

FACED WITH A FIRM WESTERN POSITION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE ISSUE, MOSCOW NOW SEEMS INCLINED TO USE ITS ACQUIESCENCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY AS A LEVER TO GET AN ALLIED COMMITMENT TO RESTRAIN WESTERN GERMANY FROM INCREASING ITS PRESENCE IN BERLIN IN THE FUTURE. MEANWHILE, THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY STRENGTHENING THEIR OWN PRESENCE THERE. E-2 IMPDET.4

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